

# Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

June/July 2015



Cat Welfare  
PRESENTS  
An Evening  
at the  
Africa  
Event  
Center  
Columbus Zoo and  
Aquarium

August 21, 2015  
5:30pm - 9:30pm  
Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar,  
Silent Auction, Free Parking  
Casual Attire

Special Visit with the Zoo Giraffes

Single Tickets:                      Table of 8:  
\$69.00 for CWA members        \$500.00 for CWA members  
\$80.00 for non-members        \$575.00 for non-members

Purchase tickets online at:  
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or use the order form on Page 6 of the newsletter

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## Tote Your CWA Pride

Cat Welfare now has 70th anniversary shirts and totes. The items are available for sale in the shelter and during our off-site events. The totes are \$5 plus tax and the shirts are \$20 or \$22 for 2X which includes sales tax.



Don't live close but would like a shirt or tote? No problem! To place an order to be shipped directly to you, please send a message to [marketing@catwelfareassoc.org](mailto:marketing@catwelfareassoc.org) or call 614-268-6096, Ext.103.



With gratitude, we recognize  
**RoseAnn Ballangee**  
**and Cathi Eisley,**  
 who have served as officers on  
 our Board of Directors.  
 Thank you for your service.

## Donate for CWA's Tiniest Residents



Cat Welfare accepted 336 kittens for adoption in 2014. Incoming kittens are in emergency situations and are placed with or without a mama in foster care until they are old enough to be spayed or neutered. Kittens need a lot of supplies! Please join us on June 27 from noon to 3 p.m. for our Kitten Shower. Items needed include kitten milk replacement, dry and moist kitten food, nursing bottles, human baby food in meat flavors and toys.

## Our Mission

Cat Welfare Association is dedicated to the care of and education about cats and kittens. Our pledge is to cherish, nurture and provide veterinary care for homeless, abused, injured and abandoned felines. We strive to find each cat an appropriate, safe and loving home, allowing those not placed to live their lives in the care and comfort of our shelter.



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 Columbus, OH 43214  
 614-268-6096  
[catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org)  
[facebook.com/catwelfareassoc](https://facebook.com/catwelfareassoc)

## Hours

11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
 Monday, Thursday, Friday,  
 Saturday & Sunday

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday & Wednesday

(Closed the first Thursday of each month and all major holidays)

The adoption fee of \$40 (\$30 for senior cats) includes spay/neuter surgery, initial vaccinations, testing for feline leukemia and FIV, microchip identification, flea treatment & deworming.



## Board of Directors

Erik Diekmeyer • Sue Godsey • Steve Hebenstreit • Peggy Kirk • Barbara Mann • Brenda Martin • Anne Riley

# Get Cozy with a Colorful Cat Quilt



This spectacular quilt was made by Elizabeth Bowling and Sharon Warrington to help raise funds for the kitties! It measures 72" x 84". To purchase tickets, mail in the form, stop by the shelter or visit [cwaquiltraffle.myevent.com](http://cwaquiltraffle.myevent.com). We will draw the name of the lucky winner on July 1 at 6 p.m. You need not be present to win.

## Quilt Raffle Ticket Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_

(\$5 per ticket, \$20 for 5)

Mail to: Cat Welfare, Attn: Quilt Raffle  
741 Wetmore Road  
Columbus, OH 43214

## Dr. Danya Linehan to Speak at Members Event

Cat Welfare will host a 90-minute members-only event on Thursday, June 18 at Mozart's Café, 4784 N. High St. Please join us at 7 p.m. for a symphony of desserts and a discussion on Feline Behavioral Issues with Dr. Danya Linehan.

Dr. Linehan has worked in the veterinary field since 1983 and has been a practicing veterinarian since 1993. She obtained a B.S. in Animal Science from the University of New Hampshire and received her veterinary degree from The Ohio State University. Dr. Linehan is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Ohio Veterinary Medical Association and the Association of Veterinary Technician Educators. Dr. Linehan currently serves as the Ohio Director for The Paw Project. Her other animal-focused waking hours are spent serving on the Ohio Pet Fund Board and helping provide trap-neuter-release (TNR), food and shelters for local feral colonies. Dr. Linehan spreads the word about animal issues—physical, societal and behavioral—through radio and webinar appearances and at seminars for the pet-owning public, shelter staff and volunteers.

This event is free to our members but limited to 45 attendees. You can reserve your spot online at [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com). Select "Find a Sign Up" (located above "Create a Sign Up"), and enter the email [cwavolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:cwavolunteers@gmail.com). Or you can call 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.



# CWA Happy Homes



I adopted **Alana** in August 2011. She had been at Cat Welfare for 2 1/2 years. When I saw her picture and story on the Cat Welfare website, I just had to go visit her. She was having upper respiratory issues, so I visited her every week until she got better and I could take her

home to my other two adopted cats. She is the sweetest cat. She greets me when I come home and sees me off to the door every day when I go to work. Thank you for taking her in and caring for her so long!

**Carol Martin**



We adopted **Ginger** in 2014, and she is doing fantastic in her new home. The animals have all acclimated to each other, and the playful squabbling between the two cats has us laughing on a nightly basis.

Ginger is a part of the family now, and her antics are definitely entertaining. She gives lots of kisses, loves to sleep behind us on the couch, and you can hear her purr from six feet away when she gets going. She

loves to romp with us—and has enough sense, without being trained, that she doesn't break skin when she's giving us play bites. Though we have had to break out the spray bottle because she's a little sneak who likes to try to take a taste of whatever we're eating!

**Dianna McGlone**



My boyfriend and I adopted **Fran** (her shelter name was Sister) in Spring 2013. We were looking for a young cat and were about to leave, not having felt a connection with anyone during that particular visit. Fran had a red card placed on her cage, and I was hesitant to ask about her, but it turned out she was just due to be spayed the next day. She protested me holding her but was very friendly and funny, and I fell in love right away.

After her surgery we took her home, and she has brought us lots of laughs and love ever since. She is now about 3 years old and lets me carry her around, but only on her terms, and only if she can lie across my arms a certain way! She is extremely smart and loves to tease our elder kitty, George, play games on the iPad, and steal bacon from my sandwiches. She runs into the bedroom every morning as soon as we open the door, and greets us with her loud rumbling purr and a quick snuggle. Every day I'm thankful for Cat Welfare and that I met Fran before leaving that day!

**Allison Hagen**

Got a Happy Homes story? Upload it at [catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org) or mail it to Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214.



## Cat Welfare's Catnippers are the Keepers of History

The Catnippers are the hands that create the popular catnip pillows that magically appear at the counter at The Catique and at the shelter. They are a dedicated group of mostly retired ladies, some who have been involved with Cat Welfare for decades—a few as far back as the 1960s. They have seen and done it all in their years of service. They have rescued cats, cleaned cages, organized and worked at rummage sales and The Catique, and served on fundraising committees and as Board members and officers. Although the group's numbers are dwindling, with some well into their 80s and 90s, they all share a love of cats and a deep appreciation for Cat Welfare's mission. And they are the memory keepers of Cat Welfare's history.

"Back in the early days, everyone would have to take their turn on the Board, and then they would start over," says Mary Jane Ryan, who has been involved with Cat Welfare since the 1960s.

"In the beginning, cats were kept in people's homes and adopted out," recalls Kathryn Hart, whose volunteer days began in the 1960s. "A local veterinarian told us about a small piece of property at 736 Wetmore Road where there was a little barber shop." The doctor paid the surveying fee and it became Cat Welfare's first physical location. "It was basically a foster home. It had just one main room with a little bedroom and bath off of it, and Ohio State students would stay there to look after the cats." Later a \$6,000 donation built an addition, and later donations built what became known as the garage. Before The Catique was housed in the garage, there were rummage sales. People would keep items in their homes and would bring

them to a sale location. After the garage was built, donations were brought in and volunteers would sort and sell the items, with profits going to shelter.

"Lots of people who used to be involved long ago would be really surprised how far The Catique has come along," says Mary Jane.

The group considers the growth of the spay and neuter program the most critical of the changes and innovations they've seen in their collective years. Fees to adopt cats in the early days were about \$25, and Cat Welfare paid the fee for kittens that were adopted out, but up until the 1970s there was no spay and neuter program for cats outside of the shelter. "We got a lot of calls from people who couldn't afford to get their cats done, so we had a big discussion, and Jean Collier said that she would take the calls and make the arrangements. And someone on the Board arranged with vets to give us a reduced price," says Kathryn.

Although advancing age has limited their activities, all Catnippers remain active volunteers. Aside from being Catnippers, they are advocates for Cat Welfare's cause and champion rescuers. "I've gotten cats out of dumpsters, storage sheds and along roadsides. You would not believe some of the places I've been," says Sue Godsey, a 20-year volunteer. And they still get calls to help.

"They never lose your number," says Kathryn. "I started out helping a boy who was a teenager, and I'm still helping him, and he's now in his 60s."

"Cat Welfare has meant a lot to us," adds Sue. "It means so much to have a place to take cats where they have a chance. Who is the voice for those animals if we are not?"



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If you have any questions about the event, please contact Gail Harbert  
at 614-268-6096 Ext. 103 or email cwa.julie@gmail.com.

For CWA members: \_\_\_\_\_ tickets x \$69

For non-members: \_\_\_\_\_ tickets x \$80

**Table for 8**

For CWA members: \_\_\_\_\_ table of 8 x \$500

For non-members: \_\_\_\_\_ table of 8 x \$575

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Columbus, Ohio 43214

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**We are unable to attend but please accept the  
enclosed donation in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.**

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6 \*Ticket sales end August 6, 2015\*

# We Love Our Donors

## Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Judith Johnson “In memory of Streaker, Blackie & Natalie”

Mary Woodyard “In memory of Spike & Precious (aka Baby)”

Jennifer Spinosi “Thank you for what you do for the kitties!”

Brian Watts “One of our cats was lucky enough to have been adopted by us from Cat Welfare—many others are not as lucky. This gift is to provide for their long-term care.”

The Columbus Academy Lower School “In memory of Barbara Hildahl”

Linda Schellkopf “In memory of Brandy & Iris”

Victoria Lizka “In memory of Ann Gleisser”

Vivian Opelt “In memory of Rudy, Phoebe, Cagney & Lacey”

William Hout “In memory of Susie, Chester, and Nigel”

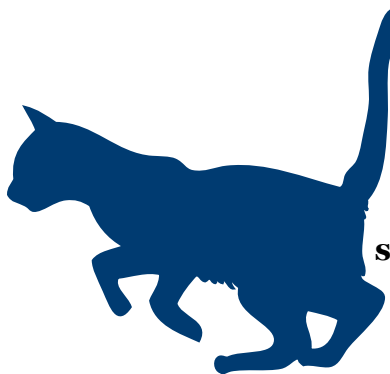
Catherine Zitko “In memory of Sweet Pea”

Richard Austin, Dick & Linda Hamilton, Joy & Ed Weiler and Dale & Marty Keener

## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Ruey Landis Rodman, Lynn Straley, John Polk, Beckie Evans-Zaebst “In memory of Bill Parker, Jennifer Parker’s dad,” Mary Lopez, Megan Martin, Dorothy Kell, J.G. Kassel, Sandra Woolard, Allison Robinson, Angela Gerald Ferraris and James Entler



From January through April 2015, we **adopted 243 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 577 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.

## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Nicole Trimner, Mark & Diana Donati, Leon & Patricia Cohan, Jr., Catherine Ferrari, Jennifer Schleppe, Penny Popper, Linda Mercer, Ann & Carl Connor, Ruthann England, Anna Teichmoeller, Dorothy Cobbs, Sue Lape, John & Maryann Gall, Thea Bergstedt, John Oberlin, DL Smith, Judith Kitrick, Joy & Ed Weiler, Emily Taylor, Janice & Jerry Noltemeyer, Anne Valentine, Jeanette Larson, Ashley Ortiz, Chris Mclain, Eve Hathaway and Pamela Pallett

## Joey’s Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Deborah Dunham “In memory of Elizabeth, my beautiful girl,” Jonathan Field, William Hout, Sandra Czarnecki, and Joy & Ed Weiler

## Willard’s Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods “In memory of precious Willard... forever missed, forever loved,” Richard Austin, Baby Gift Shop, Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz “Willard - Can’t believe it’s been 6 years since your tragic murder. You are still in our hearts and thoughts each day,” and Joy & Ed Weiler

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Ruth Siegle, Colleen Nye, Bonnie Sharp, Shannon Westberg, James Demas and Patricia O’Brien

## Cat Welfare would like to thank:

Lois Rae Fields, who donated \$10,000 to the condo campaign in memory of her son, Hans.

The Columbus Food League and specifically Dirty Frank’s Hot Dog Palace for our day as a Community Partner.

Our 2014/2015 interns from Columbus Alternative High School, The Coughlin Academy and The Arts and College Preparatory Academy.



# Hello, Busy Izzie

Busy Izzie here to greet you. I am a 3-year-old spayed female cat looking for a new home. They gave me this name when I arrived at Cat Welfare, and the funny thing is, it fits! I am a gal on the go, always checking things out, stopping to play, poking my nose into things and generally keeping an eye on the whole operation. I am quite a beauty of a black and white cat, or is that a white and black cat? Take a look at my picture and maybe you can decide. Better yet, come on over to Cat Welfare and see me so you can choose me!

*Cat Welfare has nearly 300 cats available for adoption. Find your new feline friend by visiting [catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org) or stopping by our shelter. The kitties would be happy to see you!*

## Shelter Wish List:

Purina Cat Chow, Kitten Chow, brown paper grocery bags, Windex, clean newspapers, clean towels, clay litter, dryer sheets, bleach, Clorox wipes, Mr. Clean Magic Eraser pads, laundry detergent, stainless steel Chore Boy scrubies, and Mr. Clean.

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